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Mr. Charles Ingersoll Acting Director of Planning and Programming Illinois Department of Transportation 2300 South Dirksen Parkway Springfield, IL 62764

Attention: Mr. Keith Sherman

Bureau of Urban Program Planning

Subject: Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Chicago Metropolitan Area

Dear Mr. Ingersoll:

We approve the amendments for FY 2007-2012 Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Transportation Improvement Program, and the FY 2009-2012 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), as submitted with your letter dated March 12, 2010. In taking this action, we find the conformity analysis performed by CMAP meets the applicable criteria of 40 Code of Federal Regulation 51 and 93, and that the amendments conform to the State Implementation Plan. In reaching these conclusions, we have relied on documentation presented during the Tier II consultation process. This action has been taken after consultation with the Federal Transit Administration.

We can now consider project authorization requests related to this STIP amendment. Requests must be submitted according to our letter to the Department, "Transportation Planning Support for Obligation for Federal-aid Highway Project Funds," December 29, 1995.

Sincerely.

John M. Donovan

Metropolitan Planning Specialist

For: Norman R. Stoner, P.E. **Division Administrator**

Enclosure

